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PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE OF VIGILANCE AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of various vigilance agencies like Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), etc.;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by the Government to make various investigating agencies effective?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office. (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) & (b) : The Central Vigilance Commission(CVC) is an independent, multi-member statutory body and functions under powers conferred upon it by the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003, and advises the Central Government on all vigilance matters The Central Bureau of Investigation is the premier Investigating Agency of the country deriving its jurisdiction from Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946. The Central Vigilance Commission presents its annual report on the work done during the calendar year to the President of India, within six months of the closure of the year under report, and the same is laid before each House of Parliament. The Annual Report contains in detail the work done/activities performed by the Commission.

The Central Vigilance Commission also exercises superintendence over the functioning of the Central Bureau of Investigation(CBI), in so far as it relates to investigation of offences alleged to have been committed under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, or an offence with which a public servant specified in sub-section (2) may under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974) be charged at the same trial, and to review the progress of such investigations conducted.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) furnishes month wise report on the working of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), wherein details of cases/number of cases registered by various wings of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), cases pending investigation, disposal of cases from investigation, charge-sheeted cases, disposal of cases from trial, conviction rates, to the Government. Regular meetings are convened under the chairmanship of officers of this Department from time to time with respect to various pending issues of Central Bureau of Investigation

(CBI).

(c): The Government has been emphasizing upon bringing about transparency in the functioning of Government organizations and minimizing the scope for indulging in irregular practices for undue financial and other gains. The Central Vigilance Commission has issued guidelines advising organizations to follow a fair, transparent and open tendering procedure. The Commission with an aim to eradicate corruption in procurement activity has introduced the "Integrity Pact" in large value contracts in all Government organizations. The Central Vigilance Commission has recently issued directions on 29.01.2015 to effectively perform its statutory role entrusted under the CVC Act, 2003.

Government has also taken the following steps to strengthen the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to enable it to effectively carry out investigation and prosecution in corruption related cases:-

In order to facilitate speedy trial of cases investigated by CBI, the Government has sanctioned 92 additional special courts out of which 81 additional Special Courts have become operational.
The Director, CBI has been recently vested with greater financial and administrative powers for functional autonomy.
Government has strengthened CBI by creation of 715 posts at various level/category since 2010.
Deputation of officers other than IPS has been ensured at the level of Superintendent of Police (SP) to Joint Director (JD) in CBI by amendment of Recruitment Rules thereby making the agency multidisciplinary.
Engagement of Special Prosecutors/Assistant Prosecutors/Public Prosecutors on contract basis
CBI has been modernized through implementation of various plan schemes
Intensive training programmes both inside and outside the country and training for continuous upgradation of the skills of its officers are conducted.
Government takes various steps as and when necessary to ensure that vacancies are filled up speedily.
Besides, it is the endeavour of CBI to ensure that there is no delay in trial through constant monitoring/ supervision of its action.